

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A storage system comprising:
  - a channel unit that transfers data sent from an upper-level system and transfers data to said upper-level system;
  - a cache unit which is connected to said channel unit and in which data sent from said channel unit is stored;
  - a plurality of control units that is connected to said cache unit, and transfers or receives data to or from said cache unit;
  - a disk device in which data sent from said plurality of control units is stored; and
  - a plurality of paths, one of said paths connecting each control unit to said cache unit, wherein
    - a number of said paths linking said plurality of control units and said cache unit equals a number of said plurality of control units:
2. A storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of paths includes a first path that links a first control unit included in said plurality of control units to said cache unit, and a second path that links a second control unit included in said plurality of control units to said cache unit.
3. A storage system according to Claim 2, wherein said first path and said second path are independent of each other.
4. A storage system according to Claim 2, wherein said first path is dedicated to communication between said first control unit and said cache unit.
5. A storage system according to Claim 4, wherein said second path is dedicated to communication between said second control unit and said cache unit.
6. A storage system according to Claim 1, wherein among said

plurality of paths, a path linking said cache unit and a predetermined control unit included in said plurality of control units is not the same as a path linking said cache unit and an other control unit included in said plurality of control units.

7. A storage system according to Claim 2, wherein said first path directly links said first control unit to said cache unit.

8. A storage system according to Claim 7, wherein said second path directly links said second control unit to said cache unit.

9. A storage system according to Claim 2, wherein said first path links said first control unit and said cache unit on a point-to-point basis.

10. A storage system according to Claim 9, wherein said second path links said second control unit to said cache unit on a point-to-point basis.

11. A storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said disk device includes a plurality of disk drives, and said plurality of control units is connected to said plurality of disk drives.

12. A storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of paths are signal lines linking said cache unit and said plurality of control units.

13. A storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of paths are used to write data, of which writing is requested by said upper-level system, from said plurality of cache units to said disk device, and used to communicate data, of which writing is requested by said upper-level system, from said plurality of cache units to said plurality of control units.

14. A storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of paths are used to read data, of which reading is requested by said upper-level system, from said disk device, and are used to communicate data, of

which reading is requested by said upper-level system, from said control unit to said cache unit.